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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ORDER**

The State Water Resources Control Board  
Administrative Hearings Office  
will hold a Public Hearing  
on the pending water-right application (A030531B) of

#### **The City of Stockton**

for a permit to appropriate water from the  
San Joaquin River originating from wastewater discharges by the City.

**As provided in the August 16, 2021 Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference, the Public Hearing will begin on November 9, 2021, at 9 a.m., and continue on November 10 and November 12, beginning at 9 a.m., and will be held by Zoom teleconference.**

Representatives of parties and other people who want to participate in this hearing may access these Zoom teleconferences by using the following link and call-in information

Please access Zoom by using the link:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/99445673949?pwd=eGczd0ptMkNWeHJtWVptV25sZW1Qdz09> with Meeting ID: 994 4567 3949 and Passcode: 620828

or by calling in at:

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**Interested members of the public who would like to watch this hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM-gmipRyd7Nw-g8l-C7Nig/videos?view=57>

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The Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) held a pre-hearing conference in this matter on September 24, 2021, in accordance with the August 16, 2021 Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference (August 16 Hearing Notice). This pre-hearing conference order addresses procedural issues discussed during the September 24 conference. All other procedures and information included in the August 16 Hearing Notice and not superseded by this Pre-Hearing Conference Order remain in effect.

The AHO has now received a Notice of Intent to Appear (NOI) from the City of Stockton, the Department of Water Resources, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and Westlands Water District, all indicating intent to participate as a party in this hearing. The City of Stockton indicated on its NOI that it plans to present direct testimony and will call two witnesses to testify for 10 minutes each. Contra Costa Water District indicated on its NOI that it will present a policy statement only and will not participate as a party in this hearing.

**Rebuttal Evidence:** The hearing officer will require the submission of rebuttal evidence in advance of the hearing, including the submission of rebuttal testimony in writing. All parties shall file rebuttal exhibits with the AHO by **October 22, 2021, at 12 p.m. (noon)**. Rebuttal evidence will be limited to evidence that is responsive to evidence presented with another party's case-in-chief. Each party providing rebuttal testimony shall list, in each part of the party's rebuttal testimony, the evidence presented in another party's case-in-chief to which the rebuttal testimony is responsive.

**Closing Briefs:** Parties may submit closing briefs. The deadline for parties to file closing briefs is **November 23, 2021 at 12 p.m. (noon)**. Closing briefs shall be no more than 10 pages double-spaced, in a font size not smaller than 12 points. Closing briefs shall address the questions provided on pages 7 and 8 of the August 16 Hearing Notice

**Order of Proceeding:** The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on November 9, 2021. The hearing will begin with opening statements or policy statements by any party or interested person that will not be presenting a case-in-chief. These opening statements or policy statements will be limited to five minutes. Each party may make an opening statement of no more than five minutes before presenting its case-in-chief witnesses. Each party's witnesses will be presented as a panel.

A party engaged in cross-examination will examine witnesses as a panel and may use up to the same amount of time the party engaged in direct examination used for those witnesses. To facilitate the use of documents for cross-examination, please e-mail any documents not already submitted as an exhibit to [AdminHrgOffice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AdminHrgOffice@waterboards.ca.gov) or upload the documents to the party's assigned upload folder on the State Water Board FTP site before beginning cross-examination.

After all parties have presented their cases-in-chief, the hearing officer will continue directly to the rebuttal portion of the hearing. Parties should expect that presentation of rebuttal evidence will occur in the same order as presentation of cases-in-chief, although the hearing officer may, at her discretion, reorder parties or individual witnesses.

Date: October 1, 2021

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